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My understanding of Civil Law is the injuring party needs to provide restitution to the injured parties. I think Microsoft playing victim is a pretty good indication that this company shows no remorseful for any of the illegal activities that they have already been convicted of. They continue to exhibit the same behavior and have pushed forward with the same plan of abusive tactics during the entire proceedings. In the time since they were convicted of monopolistic behavior they have used their power over the market to get an even stronger foothold on whatever they currently control, expanded to control even greater markets and have positioned themselves to takeover even more. The current proposed settlement will be a small speed bump and will easily be circumvented by Microsoft, and with the way they easily manipulates the Justice Department the proposed settlement will probably be mute by the time any actual sanctions are imposed. Microsoft will draw this out even further and nothing in the proposed settlement will have any bearing on any of Microsoft's plans. Look how they were able to get Windows XP to market dispute their earlier conviction.

Now I am a believer in the free market. But the free market only operates if the rules and principles with which fair competition are governed are followed by everyone who participates. Microsoft has been convicted of breaching those rules. Now it is time for them to provide restitution. The compromising of principle is a greater detriment to society than the rise and fall of Microsoft. They themselves have confessed that alternatives exist. There will be a cost involved to the general public, but the cost to society is greater if we compromise the our belief in the notion of fair play. Choose and choose wisely.